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Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak Widens 2007

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Report Highlights:

A fifth Avian Influenza (AI) H5N1 outbreak site was identified December 10 at a laying facility in Sadlowo; 385,000 birds are being culled. Because of the increasing number of outbreak sites, the European Commission for Health Affairs announced that the Commission would expand the ban on Polish poultry exports. Polish Minister of Agriculture Marek Sawicki stated that with the additional outbreak sites he now fears grievous economic consequences for the Polish poultry industry.

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A fifth Avian Influenza (AI) H5N1 outbreak site was identified December 10 at a laying facility in Sadlowo, 2 kilometers from the December 8 outbreak at the egg laying facility in Karniszyn. Over 385,000 birds are being culled at the Sadlowo facility. The outbreak site is in an area of intensive poultry production. In the wake of the additional site, the European Commission (EC) for Health Affairs announced that they would expand the ban on Polish poultry exports.

Poultry producers are now facing economic consequences due to the widening outbreak. In addition to the expansion of trade ban by the EC, consumers in Poland have become more concerned as the press coverage of the outbreak grows. On Monday, December 10, retail stores throughout Poland have reported a 10 to 15 percent decline in poultry and egg sales and wholesale prices have decreased about 10 to 15 percent as well.

The Ministry of Agriculture reported that they have spent about 4 million USD on control measures and the figure would likely increase. Polish Minister of Agriculture Marek Sawicki stated that with the additional outbreak sites he now fears grievous economic consequences for the Polish poultry industry.

Please reference earlier GAINS reports PL7056 and PL7057:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293145.pdf>

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293177.pdf>

for information on the outbreaks in Poland December 1 and 5, 2007.

In addition, PL7058 concerning the December 8 outbreak will be available shortly.

It can be accessed through:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/AttacheRep/default.asp>

by selecting Option 3, Search by AGR Number, and typing: **PL7058**.